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Up-to-date information on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

In response to the request contained in your letter No. A/AC.44/2013/OC.5 of 27 February 2013 concerning up-to-date information on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), I have the honour to communicate the following new information.

With regard to terrorism, Burkina Faso has passed Act No. 060/2009/AN of 17 December 2009 on the suppression of acts of terrorism in Burkina Faso, and Act No. 061/2009/AN of 17 December 2009 on combating the financing of terrorism. The country's laws therefore punish any person who possesses, transfers, alters, assigns, dispenses, uses illicitly or threatens to use nuclear or radioactive materials that cause death or serious injury, or substantial damage to property and the environment. Attempts to commit or complicity in the commission of such acts are also punished. Nonetheless, to date, the competent national jurisdictions have not had to prosecute or rule on offences relating thereto.

In the nuclear arena, Burkina Faso has passed Act No. 010/2005/AN of 26 April 2005 on nuclear safety and protection against atomic radiation, which governs activities related to the use of nuclear substances and materials as well as sources of atomic radiation in all private and public economic and social sectors. More recently, it passed Act No. 032/2012 of 8 June 2012 on nuclear security, safety and safeguards, which is designed to combat criminal and terrorist activities and to control the use of nuclear materials and other radioactive sources.

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